# *Investment in Affordable Housing 2011-2014 Annual Public Reporting on Outcomes 2012-2013*

**Background:**

On December 20, 2011, the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories announced a combined investment of $11 million under a new affordable housing agreement over three years. The Investment in Affordable Housing for 2011-2014 provides provinces and territories with more flexibility in determining local needs and priorities and in designing and delivering programs.

This agreement provides the NWT with $1,840,000 provided by the federal government through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) in each of the three years. It is matched by the NWT, through the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWTHC) for a total budget of $3,680,000.

The NWTHC has also contributed $1,100,000 in additional funding for Affordable Housing Initiative (AHI) projects during the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

**Goals:**

The NWTHC's primary goals under the Investment in Affordable Housing are to improve and preserve the quality of affordable housing and to support vulnerable households in accessing safe and affordable housing. These goals reflect the larger objective of the agreement in improving access to affordable, sound, suitable, and sustainable housing for households in need.

**Outcomes and Indicators:**

For the year 2012-2013, the NWTHC identified 148 projects for funding under the agreement. These projects were comprised of 134 private housing units across the NWT that were in need of major repairs, the provision of technical upgrades to a 8 unit emergency shelter in Inuvik, and 6 projects under the Providing Assistance for Territorial Homeownership (PATH) program.

**CARE Projects:**

The funding provided through this Agreement helped fund 134 projects under the Contributing Assistance for Repairs and Enhancements (CARE) program. Private household repairs and renovations were completed in 29 communities across the NWT. These projects cost between $3,219 and $90,000 per unit and were utilized to improve the quality of housing in our communities. In addition, 79 of the 134 homes also incorporated energy upgrades to help reduce the cost of living for these northern families.

**PATH Projects:**

The funding provided through this Agreement helped fund 6 applicants under the PATH program. These projects cost between $60,000 and $125,000 per unit and allows clients the opportunity to become homeowners by assisting in the construction or purchase of a modest home.

**Shelter Project:**

As part of the Investment in Affordable Housing for 2012-2013, the NWTHC and CMHC also provided funding assistance to a transitional shelter in Inuvik. This funding of $67,000 was utilized to provide upgrades on 8 units that are made available for families and individuals in need of safe and affordable housing.

**2012-2013 Summary:**

| Distribution | Project Costs ($) | Units | Singles | Seniors | Disabled | VOFV* Support | Energy Upgrades |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yellowknife | 377,000 | 16 | 3 | 4 | 1 | - | 10 |
| Regional Centres | 1,108,000 | 41 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 21 |
| Rest of Communities | 3,025,000 | 91 | 26 | 36 | 7 | - | 48 |
| Administration | 270,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 4,780,000 | 148 | 38 | 48 | 11 | 8 | 79 |

*Victims of family violence

**NWTHC: $2,940,000**
**CMHC: $1,840,000**
**Total: $4,780,000**